

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling distribution and use of a digital work—(DW), comprising the steps of:
 - a) attaching a usage right information to said digital work ~~(DW)~~, said usage ~~write-right~~ information defining one or more conditions which must be satisfied in order for a usage right of said said usage right information to be exercised;
 - b) storing said digital work—(DW) and ~~its~~ said attached usage right information on a record carrier—(10);
 - c) updating said attached usage right information with every use of said digital work—(DW); and
 - d) refusing ~~the~~ use of said digital work if said usage right information indicates that the usage right has been exercised; characterized in that the method further comprises the step of:
 - e) changing a hidden information—(KLK) stored in a hidden channel and used for encrypting or verifying said usage right information ~~is changed~~ when said usage right information has changed.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said hidden information is a checksum over a data block containing said usage right information.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to ~~as~~ claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said hidden information is a key ~~(KLK)~~ used for decrypting said usage right information, wherein said changing step includes:

randomly changing said key ~~is randomly changed and re-~~
encrypting said usage right information ~~is re-encrypted by using~~
said changed key, when said usage right information has changed.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to ~~as~~ claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the previous key ~~(KLK-1)~~ is destroyed after the change of said key.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to ~~as~~ claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said hidden channel is arranged to be not accessible by commercial reproducing devices.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to ~~as~~ claimed in claim 5, characterized in that said hidden channel is generated by:

- storing said hidden information ~~(KLK)~~ in deliberate errors which can be corrected again;
- storing said hidden information ~~(KLK)~~ in merging bits of a runlength-limited code;

- controlling a polarity of predetermined runlength of a predetermined word of a runlength-limited code according to said hidden information—(KLK);
- storing said hidden information—(KLK) in deliberate errors in a time-base; or
- storing said hidden information—(KLK) in a memory embedded with a disc controller.

7. (Currently Amended) A—The method according to as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said attached usage right information is stored in a table—(KLT) together with a key information used for decrypting said digital work—(DW).

8. (Currently Amended) A—The method according to as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said digital work—(DW) is an audio track downloaded from the Internet, and said record carrier is a recordable optical disc, a hard disc, a magneto-optic recording device, a magnetic tape, or a memory card.

9. (Currently Amended) A—The method according to as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said usage right information comprises a counter information which can be updated when said usage right has been exercised.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to ~~as~~ claimed in claim 1, wherein the record carrier has a plurality of tracks, characterized in that each track of said ~~recording medium~~ ~~(10)~~ record carrier comprises its own usage right information and hidden information—(KLK).

11. (Currently Amended) A record carrier for storing a digital work—(DW) and a usage right information defining one or more conditions which must be satisfied in order for the usage right to be exercised, characterized in that said ~~recording~~ record carrier ~~(10)~~ comprises a hidden channel ~~which is not accessible by a commercial reproducing devices and in which,~~ a hidden information (KLK) is being stored in the hidden channel, said hidden information being ~~which is~~ used for encrypting or verifying said usage right information and which is changed when said usage right information has changed.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The record carrier according to claimed in claim 11, characterized in that said record carrier is a recordable optical disc—(10), in particular a CD or a DVD.

13. (Currently Amended) A device for controlling distribution and use of a digital work, comprising:

- a) writing means ~~(20)~~ for writing said digital work ~~(DW)~~ and an attached usage right information defining one or more conditions which must be satisfied in order for the usage right to be exercised, on a record carrier ~~(10)~~;
- b) updating means ~~(22)~~ for updating said attached usage right information with every use of said digital work; and
- c) control means ~~(21)~~ for refusing the use of said digital work ~~(DW)~~ if said updated usage right information indicates that the usage right has been exercised characterized in that
- d) said updating means ~~(22)~~ ~~is arranged to change~~ changes a hidden information ~~(KLK)~~ stored in a hidden channel and used for encrypting or verifying said usage right information, when said usage right information has changed.